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SUBJ: OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: INFORMAL DIALOGUE

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY'S OAS DEPARTMENT CHIEF
TEIXEIRA SOARES MAY 24 TO INITIATE CONSULTATION RE OAS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND SPECIFICALLY ON INFORMAL DIALOGUE REGARDING ISSUES
RAISED REFTEL.

2. TEIXEIRA SOARES REVIEWED GENERALGOB POSITION ON FOUR ISSUES
LISTED PARA 2, REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

-RESTRUCTURING.-- TEIXEIRA SOARES DOUBTED FOREIGN MINISTERS
COULD MAKE MUCH OF A DENT IN SUBSTANCE OF TOPIC, WHICH GOB
BELIEVES REQUIRES FURTHER LOWER LEVEL STAFF WORK. GOB FAVORS
REALIGNING OF QUOTTAS OF MEMBERS STATES AND IS GLAD TO SEE
USG PRECIPITATE DEBATE ON THE ISSEE. GOB, HOWEVER, IS
ADAMANT THAT IT WILL NOT INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE
OAS.

-ECONOMIC ISSUES. GOB HAS NOT FORMULATED SPECIFIC POSITIONS
YET, BUT SHARES OUR VIEW THAT DEBATE SHOULD NOT AGAIN FOCUS
ON THE TRADE ACT OF 1974. IN GENERAL, GOB HOPES DEBATE ON
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ECONOMIC ISSUES WILL BE MORE POSITIVE IN NATURE THAN IN THE
PAST.

-PANAMA CANAL. GOB FORESEES THAT PANAMA CANAL ISSUE WILL LEAD
TO DEBATE AND VARYING EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER THE DECONCINI
RESERVATION. TEIXEIRA SOARES HINTED THAT GOB, IN VIEW OF THAT
RESERVATION, MIGHT BE REVIEWING ITS LONGSTANDING NON-COMMITTAL
POSITION THAT USG AND PANAMA SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS AN

ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION OF THE CANAL PROBLEM. TEIXEIRA SOARES FORMULATED.

-HUMAN RIGHTS. ACCRODING TO TEIXEIRA SOARES, GOB OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO CONTAIN AND LIMIT HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE THAT BRAZILIANS SEE AS DIVISIVE FOR OAS. TEIXEIRA SOARES WAS CAREFUL TO NOTE THAT BRAZIL WOULD SUBSCRIBE TO POSITIVE OAS ACTION ON HUMAN RIGHTSN BUT WANTED TO SEE ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ON SUBJECT MINIMIZED. (SEE ALSO BRASILIA 3681)

3. TEIXEIRA SOARES SAID OAS POSITIONS WERE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATION, AND SUGGESTED THAT EMBOFF CALL UPON HIM IN ABOUT TEN DAYS FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER FOLLOWING THAT DISCUSSION. JOHNSON

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